

## **OSHKOSH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ADVOCACY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce would like to lend its support to the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. We believe New Charter would be a strong company committed to investments and customer service that would benefit communities like Oshkosh.

For more than a century, the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce has worked to make our region more hospitable for companies and workers. Today, that means much of our work is focused on telecommunications and ensuring our area has access to the latest cable and internet technology. In reviewing the proposed merger, we are impressed with many of the commitments being made by New Charter.

The company will build out a million new line extensions into residential areas that currently lack high-speed internet service. It will also invest more than \$2 billion dollars into building out networks into commercial areas, helping to create more competition. New Charter is planning to fully digitize existing Time Warner and Bright House regions, giving them access to the latest broadband technology. Finally, the company has said that it will bring back customer service call center jobs that Time Warner had moved overseas.

New Charter will be a welcome addition to the telecommunications industry, and a welcome partner for the many businesses and residents that rely on its services. We ask that you please approve this merger.

Sincerely,

John A. Casper President/CEO

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce